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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/626,604 | SATO ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Marissa L. Ferguson-Samreth | 2854 |

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1. This communication is responsive to an amendment filed on 1/17/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11-19, 22, 34, 36-46, 48-57, 70, 72-81, 106, 107, 109-113, 115-117 and 124-135.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a printer operable in a duplex print mode for printing an image on one side of a sheet-like recording medium and then printing an image on the other side of said sheet-like recording medium, said printer comprising wherein the roller comprises an elastic roller having an adhesive surface while the elastic roller comprises rubber and is caused to rotate by the press roller, and wherein the press roller comprises, when configured to press the other side of the recording medium against the print drum, an elastic body having a fluorine compound layer on a surface thereof, the fluorine compound layer including a film tube closely fitted on the surface of said elastic body.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a printer operable in a duplex print mode wherein an elastic roller having an adhesive surface while the elastic roller comprises rubber and is caused to rotate by the press roller and wherein the press roller comprises, when configured to press the other side of the recording medium against the print drum, an elastic body having a fluorine compound layer on a surface thereof, the fluorine compound layer including a film tube closely fitted on the surface of said elastic body.

Regarding claims 106 and 112, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a printer operable in a duplex print mode for printing an image on one side of a sheet-like recording medium and then printing, within 3 seconds, an image on the other side of the

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sheet-like recording medium, the printer comprising wherein the press roller comprises, when configured to press the other side of the sheet-like recording medium against the print drum, a surface formed with a number of projections, each having a peak provided with a radius of 0.04 mm or below, at a mean pitch of 0.4 mm or below, and wherein the projections are formed on an elongate sheet member having a preselected width and spirally wrapped around the surface of said press roller.

Regarding claims 124 and 130, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a printer operable in a duplex print mode for printing an image on one side of a sheet-like recording medium and then printing, within 3 seconds, an image on the other side of the sheet-like recording medium, the printer comprising a surface including a stepped portion formed by a number of spherical bodies, each having a radius of 0.1 mm or below, arranged with a maximum difference in height of 0.03 mm or above and a mean pitch of 0.15 mm or above between nearby highest peaks.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marissa L. Ferguson-Samreth whose telephone number is (571) 272-2163. The examiner can normally be reached on (M-T) 6:30am-4:00pm and every other (F) 7:30am-4:00.

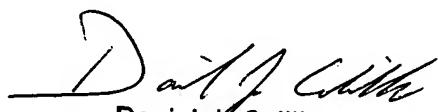
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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